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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY FOR A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. CARTER
AND AMY

1. MISSION HAS GIVEN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. CARTER AND AMY. WE NOTE THAT WITH 45 MINUTES HOLDING TIME FOLLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT'S HOUR LONG QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AT THE CONGRESS HALL, AMY MIGHT WELL FIND TIME PASSING QUITE SLOWLY. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.

2. MOST ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITY SEEMS TO US TO BE VISIT TO RENOWNED BERLIN ZOO WHICH COULD BE COUPLED WITH VISIT TO ADJACENT AQUARIUM AND INSECT COLLECTION IF DESIRED. THE LAYOUT OF THE ZOO IS COMPACT AND A WALKING PARTY COULD GO AROUND IT IN APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR. THE ZOO IS PARTICULARLY WELL KNOWN FOR ITS NOCTURNAL ANIMAL BUILDING, ITS POLAR BEARS AND ITS TIGER DISPLAY -- BABY SIBERIAN TIGER CUBS ARE THE CURRENT ATTRACTION.

3. THE ADJACENT AQUARIUM IS ALSO RENOWNED AND IS COMBINED WITH A LIVE INSECT COLLECTION GENERALLY HELD
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TO BE SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF TOKYO. THE AQUARIUM AND INSECTORIUM ARE FULLY INDOORS AND THUS SUITABLE IN EVENT OF RAIN.

4. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A WALK ALONG WEST BERLIN'S MAIN SHOPPING AND CAFE STREET, THE KURFURSTENDAMM. THE PARTY COULD STOP FOR REFRESHMENT (ICE CREAM,

CAKE, ETC.) AT ONE OF THE FAMOUS CAFES SUCH AS KRAZLER, SCHILLING, OR KEMPINSKI.

5. OTHER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE A VISIT TO SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG (BUILT 1690-1750) WHICH HAS LARGE BEAUTIFUL PLANTED GARDEN WITH FOUNTAINS, CANALS AND WATER FOWL BEHIND. JUST ACROSS THE STREET IS THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM WITH THE FAMOUS BUST OF NEFERTITI. THE BERLIN BOTANICAL GARDEN IN DAHLEM, WHILE FURTHER FROM TEMPELHOF AND OTHER SITES PRESIDENT WILL VISIT, IS ALSO WORLD FAMOUS AND INCLUDES A NOTABLE JUNGLE HOUSE.

6. THE DAHLEM MUSEUM, ALSO WORLD FAMOUS, HOUSES IMPRESSIVE COLLECTIONS OF BOATS AND HOUSES ALONG WITH PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE FROM EARLIER CIVILIZATIONS WHICH MANY MISSION CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED. AGAIN, BEING INDOORS, THE DAHLEM COULD BE USED IN CASE OF RAIN.

7. SHOULD A SEPARATE PROGRAM BE DESIRED FOR AMY, MISSION WOULD PROPOSE PUTTING TOGETHER A GROUP OF AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING GERMAN CHILDREN TO ACCOMPANY HER, ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO FIFTEEN CHILDREN AS DESIRED. GROUP WOULD OF COURSE BE ESCORTED BY SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS AND WIVES IN ADDITION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARY SECURITY PERSONNEL. MANY GERMAN CHILDREN HERE HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH TO MEET AMY AND WOULD LOVE THE CHANCE TO TELL HERE ABOUT BERLIN.

8. A VISIT TO A SCHOOL, WHILE IT COULD BE ARRANGED, HAS FOLLOWING DRAWBACKS: THE BERLIN SCHOOL SYSTEM BREAKS FOR SUMMER VACATION ON JULY 12 WHILE THE SCHOOLS WOULD NORMALLY BE DESERTED ANYWAY ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OF COURSE, WE COULD ARRANGE FOR PEOPLE TO BE ON HAND TO SHOW AMY AND MRS. CARTER A BERLIN SCHOOL, BUT WE QUESTION WHETHER SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOT SEEM CONTRIVED.

9. IN THIS CITY WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY PERCENTAGE OF VERY OLD PERSONS, A VISIT TO A HOSPITAL OR AN OLD PERSONS' HOME WOULD ALSO BE MUCH APPRECIATED. AGAIN, SUCH A VISIT COULD BE VERY EASILY ARRANGED IF DESIRED.

10. NOTE: IF MRS. CARTER HAS SPECIAL SCHEDULE IN BERLIN, WE WOULD EXPECT MRS. STOBBE AND PERHAPS MRS. DIEDRICH WOULD WISH TO ACCOMPANY HER. DAVIS

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